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March 3, 2004

Mr. Grady C. Cothen, Jr. Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards And Program Development Federal Railroad Administration 400 Seventh St., SW Washington, D.C. 20590



Dear Mr. Cothen:

On October 16, 2002 the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) conditionally approved joint Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) Petition for Waiver of Compliance FRA-2002-12836.

Under condition 5, "Waiver is granted until August 31, 2004 unless the UP notifies the FRA of an earlier termination date." Union Pacific Railroad Company and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) request an extension of the termination date for Petition for Waiver of Compliance FRA-2002-12836 until December 31, 2005.

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